

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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for the

Southern District of Texas

Clerk of Court

United States of America)

v.)

Case No. M-19-0234)

Leonardo FLORES-Solis)
YOB: 1993 Mexican National)

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of February 3, 2019 in the county of Hidalgo in the
Southern District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section

Offense Description

21 USC § 952
21 USC § 841

Knowingly and intentionally import into the United States from the United Mexican States approximately 7.64 kilograms of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, and did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute approximately 7.64 kilograms of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See "Attachment A"

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 02/04/2019City and state: McAllen, TX

Complainant's signature

John Reinosa / HSI Special Agent

Printed name and title

Judge's signature

J. Scott Hacker / U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

Attachment "A"

On February 3, 2019, a vehicle driven by Leonardo FLORES-Solis made entry at the Pharr Port of Entry in Pharr, Texas through the primary inspection station. The vehicle was selected for post primary inspection by Customs and Border Protection Officer (CBPO) A. Marquez. According to CBPO Marquez, FLORES claimed ownership of the vehicle and told Marquez that he was going to McAllen to go shopping and watch the Super Bowl at a friend's house.

CBPO R. Reyes and Narcotics Detection Dog (NDD) "Qozak" conducted an inspection of the vehicle. NDD "Qozak" alerted to the vehicle. Further physical inspection revealed a total of 7 packages concealed in the vehicle. The 7 packages weighed approximately 7.64 kilograms and field tested positive for properties of cocaine.

Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Special Agents (SA) and Customs and Border Protection Task Force Officers (TFO) were advised of the situation. FLORES-Solis and the vehicle were taken to the Hidalgo Port of Entry for extraction of the narcotics. SA's responded to the Hidalgo Port of Entry to interview FLORES-Solis.

HSI SA's proceeded to interview FERNANDEZ-Cruz. FLORES-Solis told SAs and TFOs that he was paid 65,000 Mexican Pesos (approximately \$3,400 USD) for his trip from Mexico to Austin, Texas. FLORES-Solis stated that he thought the purpose of his trip was to bring money from Austin, Texas to Mexico. FLORES-Solis stated he suspected the money he was transporting was proceeds of drug smuggling. FLORES-Solis said that he was chosen to work in the smuggling organization because he spoke English, had no criminal history, and had a valid United States Visa.